



**DEPARTMENT OF FIRE SERVICES**  
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**Tropical Storm/Hurricane Pre- Storm Checklist**

**Home & Buildings**

- ☐ Gutters and leaders unclogged, clear of leaves and debris
- ☐ Secure outdoor furniture from the wind- tie to trees, railings
- ☐ Test sump pumps (if used), and make sure its drainpipes are clear
- ☐ Turn off outside propane tanks (barbeques, pool heaters)
- ☐ If you have a storm drain in the street by your home, clear it of any surface debris.

**Generators**

- ☐ Check all engine fluids for proper levels and fuel tanks at full levels
- ☐ Test run the generator
- ☐ Portable generators must be outside, 12 feet away from any door or window.
- ☐ Extension cords must be weather-resistant, 12 gauge in size and grounded.

### **Automobiles**

- ☐ Check all fluid levels, tire pressure, fill tank with fuel.
- ☐ If you live in a flood-prone area, find a spot on high ground to relocate your car now.
- ☐ Park one car outside so if power fails, it won't be trapped in the garage (electric opener).

### **Food & Beverage**

- ☐ Turn refrigerators/freezers to their coldest setting 24 hours ahead of the storm.
- ☐ Have a 7 day supply of food on hand (pet food too!).  
Food that does not require cooking is best.
- ☐ If you're on well water, buy bottled water to drink (1 gallon per day per person), and fill your bathtubs with water for washing and flushing toilets.

### **Personal**

- ☐ Have a 7 day supply of any required medications on hand.
- ☐ Prepare flashlights in convenient spots Do not use candles or lanterns !
- ☐ Have a supply of cash ready.
- ☐ Fully charge your devices and their back-up batteries.
- ☐ Prepare amusements: cards, board games for the kids

### **During the Storm**

- Stay inside away from windows
- Stay informed using local media and radio
- Sign up for NIXLE alerts from the Town's Emergency Operations Center.
- Do not go sightseeing! Road must be kept clear for emergency vehicles.
- Do not drive through floodwaters.
- Do not drive over downed wires.
- Do not drive around barrier tape or barricades.
- Report power outages to Eversource: 800-286-2000

### **After the Storm**

- Stay well clear of downed power lines: 25' at least !
- Be vigilant about downed trees and tree limbs hung up overhead ("widowmakers")
- Listen to updates on the media, radio.
- Check on your neighbors because teamwork = success.